



## 2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**Monday November 16, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine and Leebeth Ann Lemieux.

**Staff Present:** Skip Taylor, Z.A., Peter King, Constable; Deb Woodward, TC and Treasurer; David Raymond, Health Officer.

**Public Present:** Robby Rodimer, Peggy Gilbert, Carl Jones and Bob Perry, Casella.

**Call to Order:** Lauri called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes:**

11.2.15 - Leebeth moved that we accept the minutes as amended seconded by Randy. The motion - so moved, vote 3-0.

**Payroll and Orders:** Tom reviewed the PO's which were approved.

**Public Input/Correspondence/Announcements:**

Carl Jones would like the Board to come up with a permanent solution with an ongoing problem. Carl would like the word "selectmen" in the town report, auditor's report section, to be changed to "select person". We will contact A.M. Peisch to see if they will make this change.

Peter King, Town Constable, submitted two forms of correspondence. One, a letter, dated November 12, 2015, was in regards to an ongoing dog problem located on Goose Pond Road. The owner does not keep his dog(s) on his property and they are continuously visiting the neighbors, defecating and digging in their yard. Action: The owner of the dog(s) was given notice by the Constable of the town's dog ordinance, given a copy of the ordinance, and warned of the fines associated with each violation of the ordinance.

A sworn statement Form report, dated November 9, 2015, was received from Mr. King the Town Constable. The report was in regards to a resident on Nichols Road whom had a bulldozer parked near the center of the road. It was observed that the road surface had been altered. The owner of the bulldozer was at the scene and was identified by his Vermont Operator's License.

A Vermont State Trooper, called to the scene, informed the Constable that the resident would be cited to appear in Vermont District Court for unlawful mischief.

**David Raymond, Health Officer**

David presents before the Board this evening to discuss a possible legal issue for the town. David asked if they should enter into executive session to discuss the matter with the Board. It was decided to not go into executive session at this time. David was contacted to investigate a dog bite complaint. He went to the residence where the dog resides with the ACO, Bill Stygles. The dog has been quarantine since the time of the incident. Today, the dog seems to be in the same condition as it was ten days ago - showing no signs of rabies. (David took pictures of the dog at the time of the complaint as well as ten days after quarantine.) The issue is the dog is not licensed with the town and the rabies shots have expired. The owner of the dog has been looking to give up ownership of the dog as it's a financial burden to feed the dog as well as the upkeep. Per the town's "Dog Ordinance", the town has the authority to take control of the dog. Of note, the dog was in its own pen at the owner's residence at the time of the incident.

**Action:** The town will have the ACO pick-up the dog, have it vaccinated and try to find a home, or turn it over to the FCHS.

**Patricia McNall and Robin Chapman - Lister's**

The Lister's are here this evening to discuss the quote they received for reappraisal. The quote is from Vermont Appraisal Company in Plainfield, VT. The re-appraisal project is to begin September 2016 and finish, for the Grand List, June 2018. The proposal was for all taxable parcels in town, as well as exempt properties (non-taxable), i.e. churches, schools etc. Legislation has changed where all non-taxable entities need to have a value placed on them. Robin stated that even cemeteries now have to have a value. The original quote from VAC was amended to include the Listers performing the data entry. Robin and Pat felt that this was a good idea having them input the information as a way of understanding how the properties are assessed. One of the Listers will accompany the appraiser, Ted Nelson, Jr. Payment to the appraiser for the services performed under this contract shall be \$70.00 per parcel up to 1,856 parcels, for a total of \$129,920.00. The Town will be billed the same, per parcel rate, for any appraisals done in excess of the 1,856 parcels. Of note, the town has \$185,000.00 in a re-appraisal fund to date.

\*Lauri motioned to accept the Vermont Appraisal Company contract quote, dated November 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Randy. The motion so moved vote 3-0.

**Bob Perry, Casella**

Bob Perry is here this evening to discuss what Casella can offer the town in terms of garbage and recycling pick-up as well as Household Hazardous Waste Day and SWIP/Act 148 (Solid Waste Implementation Plan) coverage. We will put together a dossier of what the town is looking for in garbage and recycling collection as well as SWIP/Act148 management and put out an RFQ. The contract with our current hauler expires July 2016.

**Skip Taylor, Zoning Administrator**

Skip presents before the Board this evening for the last time before retiring. He handed out his Activity Report (July 20, 2015 through November 16, 2015). The report was reviewed by the Board. The Board acted on #6 of the report: a. Appoint Amber as the Town's 911 Coordinator - by consensus the Board approved to appoint Amber the Town's 911 Coordinator. b. Appoint Katie Frederick as an alternate to the DRB - The vote was a tie, the appointment failed. c. Appoint Skip Taylor as an alternate to the DRB - the vote was 3 to appoint, 1 no. Skip was appointed to the DRB.

Skip handed out his letter of resignation effective November 30, 2015. The Board thanked Skip for his service to the town.

**Other Business**

1. Franklin County Humane Society Contract, January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The contract was reviewed with the following changes made: the word cat will be removed from the contract as well as the Town of Berkshire. By consensus of the Board the contract, with the changes, was signed.
2. A boring permit was received from Devin Hurley accompanied with a \$2,000 performance bond. The location of the project is Rugg Road. By consensus, the Board approved and signed the permit.
3. The final approval sewer application permit has been received for BH0083, Kaitlin and Carlo Spano. The Board, by consensus, approved and signed the permit.
4. RCIS, price quote for video surveillance: Lauri stated that the battery backup system we currently have is not large enough to serve the runtime required. The quote for the video surveillance and back-up servers is \$4,863.00. The quote includes installation, certification test results, assist with training on the system as well as remote access, delivery and installation of a new APC battery backup system. By consensus, the Board approved the quote and authorized Tom to sign on behalf of the Board.
5. Memorandum of Understanding- Baptist building: Some random issues are being worked on. The trustees will coordinate with Attorney Triggs for finalization of the closing documents now that the easements have been straightened out. The MOU will be amended to the reversion clause as well as to the public use requirement that it not stay empty.

**Adjourn:**

\*Lauri made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm., seconded by Randy. The motion so moved - vote 4-0.

A budget meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Fairfax Selectboard  
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